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St Anthony's Newsletter

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1 March

St David's day

Hopefully you all managed to use the half term break to get some time for rest and recreation. We are now in the season of Lent, a religious time for prayer fasting and almsgiving. It is named after an old word for Spring, 'Lencten' (when the days 'lengthen') and it is fitting that as we emerge from the dark days of winter we look ahead and find ways to change our outlook on the world and to make it a better place. Our lenten appeal this year is the Big Lent Walk for CAFOD, the Church's official agency for overseas development.

Why not wrap up this weekend and go out for a walk in support of CAFOD? A walk is good for the spirit and you will also be reaching out to members of our global family

Have a good weekend!

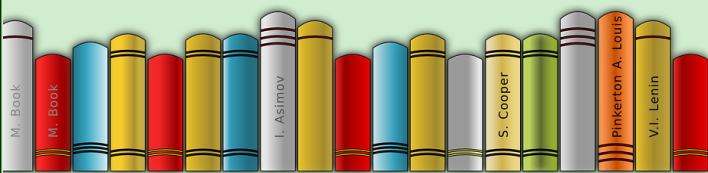
Let's celebrate reading!

As a school we will be celebrating Reading throughout the month of March with some great Reading events and competitions.

On **Friday** next week (**3 March**), children are encouraged to **come to school dressed as a favourite character**. Please do not buy anything extra for this, be inventive with what you already have at home. We ask that children who are going swimming that day do not wear face paints.

Story explorer drama workshops have been booked for **Years 1 to 6 on 6 and 7 March**. Thanks to **FOSTAS** for funding this!

Thursday 16 March - Wednesday 22 March - Scholastic Book Fair Parents can buy books for their children (a proportion of the profit provides more books for classrooms).



Cost of living support

Please speak in confidence to Mrs Hawthorne, Mrs Macdonald or Mr Croft if you feel this would benefit you or someone you know.

Industrial Action

Parents have been emailed if their child's class is likely to be affected by industrial action next **Thursday (2 March)**. Please check for messages from the school for any changes.

Further national action is planned for :

15 and 16 March 2023

We will keep you updated of any changes or developments.



Lent Appeal 2023

This Lent CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they've asked for to fight the climate crisis. As a school, we are supporting CAFOD in this as part of our Lent commitment to helping others. We have a dedicated fundraising page to make donating as easy as possible online. The money will go directly to CAFOD but we will be able to see how much of it has come from the St Anthony's community.

We have set a target of £2,500—your support is greatly appreciate!

<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/st-a>

Uniform

Children should arrive for school in full uniform (except for mufti/dressing-up days). Please do not buy any school clothes or footwear that are not on the uniform list. We ask that children only wear black shoes for school (**not boots**).

<https://www.stanthonysprimary.co.uk/parents/uniform>

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday next week to take whole class groups. Make sure your child looks extra smart!

KEY DATES

Fri 3 Mar:	Dress up as a book character
Wed 8 Mar:	International Women's Day
21/22 Mar (T/W):	Parent/teacher meetings (online)
Tues 28 Mar 2pm:	Lent liturgy in church (led by Y5)
Fri 31 Mar 2pm	End of spring term
Thur 20 July 2pm:	End of academic year
Tues 5 Sept:	Start of new academic year (2023-24)

See our website for all next year's term dates.

Faith Life



- This Sunday is the **1st Sunday in Lent**, Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 (Jesus spends time in the wilderness)
- **Stations of the Cross** on Friday mornings during Lent, 08:35-08:45 in the hall—everyone welcome
- The **Wednesday Word** this week is **LENT**
- Next Wednesday, **St John's** class will join **St Thomas More parish for the 09:30 Mass**; the following week will be St Bernadette; parents are welcome to come along.
- **St Julie's Class** will lead **assembly** next Wednesday 09:00; families welcome
- Next week will be the last week of our RE focus on **Eucharist**; the following week we will begin our new focus on **Lent**



We forget sometimes that ashes come from a fire,
That this soft black powder was once a firm green frond,

Bright and vibrant, before it became dry and brittle,
Stiff and fibrous before a flame transformed it into dust.
Every living thing submits to change.

Let's not fear it.

From seed to plant, palm to ash,
This bit of the earth submerged on our foreheads today
Was carried lovingly in the hands of the creator.

What fires will we step into this Lent?

What forms will our souls take when we
Encounter the holy blaze of the living God?

We are ash—it is true

Ash to ash and dust to dust,
But whether in youth or in old age, in life
or in death,

Let's be assured, we are held,

And we are God's

Amen.



Thanks to Jada-Lee (Y6) for finding this and adding to it

St Thomas More Parish

Mass times for Sunday: Vigil 17.30 (Saturday); 08.30, 10.00, 12.00 & 17.30 (Sunday)

Stations of the Cross: 19:30 every Friday during Lent

Parish Priest: Fr Bart Dudek

Assistant Priest: Fr Joseph Gulliford

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Online safety

The following organisations are all good at helping parents keep their children safe online:

[Thinkuknow](#) by the National Crime Agency - Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (NCA-CEOP) provides resources for parents and carers and children of all ages to help keep children safe online

[Childnet](#) has developed [guidance for parents and carers](#) to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as [guidance on keeping under-5s safe online](#)

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) has [guidance for parents and carers](#) to help keep children safe online

[UK Safer Internet Centre](#) provides tips and advice for parents and carers to keep children safe online - you can also [report any harmful content found online through the UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Attendance and Punctuality

Children are expected to be on site at **08:45**. Note: the school gates close at 08:50. Children arriving after that time will receive a late mark.

This week's attendance: **95.15%**

Best class this week: St Bernadette and St Joseph (98.62%)

Best class this term: St Thomas (97.98%)

Accessibility

When parking, **do not obstruct dropped kerbs**. These are essential for people with additional mobility needs. This week a member of the public struggled because a parent had blocked her access.

Safeguarding

Any safeguarding concerns about children, current or historic, should be raised with the safeguarding team: **Mrs Macdonald, Mrs Hawthorne and Mr Croft**.

Anyone can make their own safeguarding referral directly by following local authority [advice](#).

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Challenge

The city farm has hens and rabbits. Altogether there are 13 animals and between them they have 36 legs. How many hens and how many rabbits are there?

Solution to the last challenge:
6kg



Please note that the school circulates information on clubs and events from external providers from time to time. These are for information purposes and no recommendation is given or implied.